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## In brief

### Airman of the Year

Air Force Times is taking nominations for Airman of the Year. Nominate deserving Airmen at [www.airforcetimes.com/airman](http://www.airforcetimes.com/airman).



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### The ORI is coming ...



... **100 days and counting**



Lisa Norman

## Pile up

Senior Airman Benjamin LaBarge, a 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire fighter, assists Airman Jeffrey Pitmon, a 325th Operation Support Squadron air traffic controller, from the scene of an "accident." Airman Pitmon acted as a vehicle crash victim Wednesday during Exercise Crown Royal 05-01A. The crash was part of a simulated incident involving a van that was suspected of carrying explosives.

# Visiting Airman dies at Tyndall AFB

**1ST LT. ALBERT BOSCO**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An Eglin Air Force Base Airman attending the Noncommissioned Officer academy here died Monday following a physical training session.

Tech. Sgt. James Smith, a 38-year-old maintenance flight support section chief assigned to Eglin's 33rd Maintenance Squadron, collapsed at Tyndall's alterations shop and was pronounced dead at 6:06 p.m. at Bay Medical Center, where he was taken for treatment.

According to a Tyndall spokesman, prior to Sergeant Smith's collapse, he participated in physical training exercises

consisting of stretching, 10 minutes of push-ups and sit-ups and 23-minute self-paced run and gave no indications following the event anything was wrong.

Following the work out, Sergeant Smith and a group of peers, also attending the academy, walked to the base alterations shop, where he collapsed. Co-workers performed CPR until base medical and fire rescue personnel arrived within two minutes after receiving the 911 call. He was transported via ambulance to Bay Medical Center.

Sergeant Smith, a 20-year Air Force veteran and Atlanta native, is described by peers as a

dedicated, warm and friendly person who was, "tough on the outside, but had a big heart."

Sergeant Smith is survived by his wife, Joanne, and children, Jason, 11, and Christina, 15.

"The best years of my life were with him," Mrs. Smith said. "He was a wonderful husband, father, friend and son."

The cause of his death is still under investigation.

A memorial service for Sergeant Smith will be held at Eglin AFB's West Gate Chapel today at 10 a.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association be made in Sergeant Smith's name. Donations can



**Tech. Sgt. James Smith**

be sent to P.O. Box 21475, St. Petersburg, Fla., 33742.

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



# Strategies, tactics and the ‘art’ of war

**BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

Some of you may have heard of these names: Sun Tzu, Clausewitz, Jomini. Military history buffs have studied these men for centuries, analyzing their works and arguing their ideologies.

For those of you who may not recognize the names, I'll give you a bit of Military History 101. Sun Tzu was a Chinese general about 2,500 years ago and was the author of a series of essays on the art of war. He is probably the most quoted Chinese personality in the world, next to Confucius.

Carl von Clausewitz was a Prussian general and military philosopher who is often seen as the originator of the concept of 'total war' and most recognized for writing his military strategy book called, "On War."

Antoine Jomini was a distinguished Swiss officer in French service and later the Russian Army who became a prolific writer on

Napoleon's campaigns and the art of war. He also began a systematic study of war.

All of them held something in common—they all believed that military strategy and tactics are absolutely essential to the conduct of warfare.

So what's the difference between the two? Broadly stated, strategy is the planning, coordination and general direction of military operations to meet objectives. Tactics implement strategy by short-term decisions on the movement of troops and employment of weapons on the battlefield.

An even easier definition comes from Clausewitz himself: "Tactics is the art of using troops in battle; strategy is the art of using battles to win the war."

I bring all this up because I want you to know where you fit into the strategic and tactical goals of our mission here at Tyndall, whether that is during an exercise or going on a real-world deployment.

We are gearing up for our Operational

Readiness Inspection in June, and each of you will play a pivotal role in this inspection. Our overall strategic objective for the ORI is no different from what we are accomplishing on a daily basis – TRAIN AMERICA'S AIR DOMINANCE FORCE! If we don't successfully get a B-course F-15 pilot trained and out the door, we've flunked. If we're unable to graduate a fully qualified Air Battle Manager from the ABM curriculum, we've flunked. If we don't grasp the daily importance of force protection of our personnel and assets, we've flunked. And if we don't prepare, educate and train our folks to deploy to the war zone with the resources they need, we've flunked big time.

So to execute that strategy, we have several tactics we will employ to make sure we, as a wing, are a success. Some of those tactics include how your day-to-day job is related to our mission. Ask yourself that question: What do I do each day to

ensure the men and women getting training at Tyndall are prepared and ready to roll into battle? From personnelists in the Military Personnel Flight ensuring records are correct and up to date, to instructor pilots training our future warfighters, to Services employees making sure our children are cared for at the Child Development Center – all of you play a role in employing the tactics to accomplish our strategic objective. That's the key to a successful inspection and the ultimate key to a successful mission!

We train like we fight, and the ORI's IG Team acts as a 'referee' who will make the tough calls to determine how we are doing. I am confident all of you will exercise your assigned tactical missions to accomplish our overall strategic objective — TRAIN AMERICA'S AIR DOMINANCE FORCE and earn the overall "Outstanding" rating I know we are capable of achieving! Have a great week.

## AETC command chief reflects on career

**CHIEF MASTER SGT. KARL MEYERS**  
Air Education and Training command command chief master sergeant

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — The first time I raised my right hand and took an oath to protect this country is a day forever ingrained in my memory. I can still feel the rush of pride coupled with the anticipation of the unknown as I repeated those words. Now here I am, 27 years later, and I'm experiencing those same feelings all over again. Only this time the pride comes from opportunities and experiences I've had in my Air Force career that have made my oath more than just words. And the anticipation — well, that's for whatever comes after retirement.

I've tried to use this time before I say my official good-byes to reflect on the paths I have chosen and the impressions I have left behind. During my Air Force career I've been happy to make a difference where I could. I am proud to have served in an organization that puts high values on human life, dignity and respect, diversity, customs and courtesies, education, and freedom and democracy. Those of us in the First Command have what we believe is the Air Force's most important mis-

“ ... There are no boundaries to what we are capable of tomorrow.”

**CHIEF MASTER SGT. KARL MEYERS**  
AETC command chief master sergeant



sion; training America's sons and daughters. The people in Air Education and Training Command have the unique opportunity to shape our Airmen from day one, and I feel privileged to end my career where so many new ones begin.

Since 1947, we have been molding and shaping our Air Force to be the best it can be. AETC is continuously changing the way we train troops for deployments with recent initiatives such as the Expeditionary Combat Airman, Battlefield Airman Concept and Battlefield Combat Convoy

Course. These initiatives, along with continued improvement to basic training's Warrior Week, are better preparing our Airmen for challenges they may face across the globe.

We will never be finished making improvements and changes to better our processes and people. With a force of highly professional, educated and extremely motivated Airmen, there are no boundaries to what we are capable of tomorrow.

As I enter the final days of my career I'd like to leave the men and women of AETC with some thoughts. I challenge you to do your best each and every day. The Air Force is full of opportunities — step up to these challenges and volunteer for leadership positions. Most importantly, take care of the people, and they will take care of you and the mission.

It has truly been my pleasure to serve with you. My family and I wish everyone the best in their future endeavors. Always remember, your role as a military member is an important one, providing freedom for more than 300 million Americans is not something anyone should take lightly. Thank you for serving your country and ensuring the oath we all take is more than just words.

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# Integrated training more than PME

SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTIAN MICHAEL  
1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

As the face of battle has changed with more and more multiservice operations, interservice training for all ranks is becoming an increasing necessity to win the fight on global battlegrounds, officials said.

Command and staff war colleges have been holding integrated training for decades, ensuring upper-tier officers know how to operate together in joint environments. To purposefully prepare our forces for the joint-operations world, training in both leadership and technical studies has begun in joint integrated classrooms across the military from the highest commander in Washington to the newest Airman in basic training.

The Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy here has admitted one Air Force student in every class for the past year to gain a greater understanding between services.

Master Sgt. Carl Elder, of the Air Combat Command Regional Supply Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Va., graduated from the course recently. As the seventh Air Force student to graduate the academy, he said he considers it a great benefit to have attended the school.

“I’m more well-rounded because of this course,” Sergeant Elder said.

Past Air Force attendees include an Air Force flight attendant, an NCO academy instructor and a first sergeant.

Marine Master Sgt. Kevin Finch, chief instructor of the advanced course, taught the majority of the Air Force students.

“We’re moving into a joint war-fighting environment, so it’s good for everybody to work together,” Sergeant Finch said. “Seeing the different ways (Airmen do) things as compared to how (Marines) do things brings a fresh perspective.”

The course is leadership-oriented, with a focus

on warfighting skills, including offensive and defensive operations, expeditionary operations, combat arms, land navigation and battle studies.

“We take the students out to local battlefields, teaching them how to conduct battle studies,” said Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Warren, staff NCO-in-charge of the advanced course. “Locally, we have Chancellorsville and Fredricksburg Civil War battlefields, but we go as far north as Gettysburg so students can perform assignments involving surveying the battlefields and determining how the battle took place.”

Battlefield training is not typical for most Airmen, but Air Force students adjust quickly to that environment and the course’s other curriculum, Sergeant Finch said.

“Academically, (Air Force students) perform very well,” he said. “While they’re a little behind us when it comes to physical training at the start of the course, they’re often physically on par with us by the end. We don’t run them ragged, but instead we bring them up slowly and work as a team.”

Despite the new environment, the Air Force students work hard to rise to the challenge, with a little help from their Marine classmates.

“The Air Force students perform outstandingly,” Sergeant Warren said. “The master gunnery sergeants take them under their wing with study groups.”

Joint training works both ways, Marine officials said. Marine Gunnery Sgt. Edward Marotske, NCO-in-charge of the sergeant’s course here, recently was the first Marine graduate of the Air Force Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

“I left there after eight weeks, and I was enamored with the professionalism of people down there, and I’m a better Marine because of it,” Sergeant Martoske said.

## ON THE STREET

### Where is your favorite Spring Break location?



“Poolside at Club La Vela during the day, to be entertained by the Spring Break flare.”

MASTER SGT. TAMMY JANKOWSKI  
325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



“Cancun, because it’s a nice looking place with a nice looking crowd.”

MAJ. MANOJ RAVI  
325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron



“On any secluded beach, for some peace and quiet.”

STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER SMITH  
Tyndall Honor Guard



“Anywhere on the beach, because there is always something to do.”

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ZACHARY WOOD  
95th Fighter Squadron

### Action Line Call 283-2255



BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON  
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you’re not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are some more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

Commissary	283-4825
Pass and I.D.	283-4191
Medical and Dental	283-7515
MEO	283-2739
MPF	283-2276
Public Affairs	283-4500

SF Desk Sgt. Services	283-2254
Legal	283-2501
Housing	283-4681
Red Cross	283-2036
Wing Safety	283-2770
CDC	283-4231
Base Exchange	283-4747
Area Defense Counsel	286-5804
Finance	283-2911
Civil Engineer	283-4117
Civilian Personnel	283-4949
Base Information	283-3203
	283-1113

Thank you for helping me to improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.



# DFAS moves Web site

**ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN)** — The Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web site moved to a new location on the Internet, officials announced March 2.

The old site, [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil), will remain available through March 31. Then, users will be redirected to the new site, [www.dod.mil/dfas](http://www.dod.mil/dfas), and links to pages on the previous site will generate an error message notifying users of the move, officials said.

Webmasters who link to the site or pages within the site should review their links and update them accordingly, officials said.

The move will enhance the performance of the site by providing redundancy to prevent down time and by providing an opportunity for enhanced features in the future, officials said.

“Our goal is to provide the best service and products possible to the men and women who defend

America,” said Claudia Bogard, the service’s corporate communications director. “With this move, our customers can rely on DFAS for faster access to information whenever they need it from anywhere around the globe at any hour of the day or night.”

Officials said the move also will provide the following benefits:

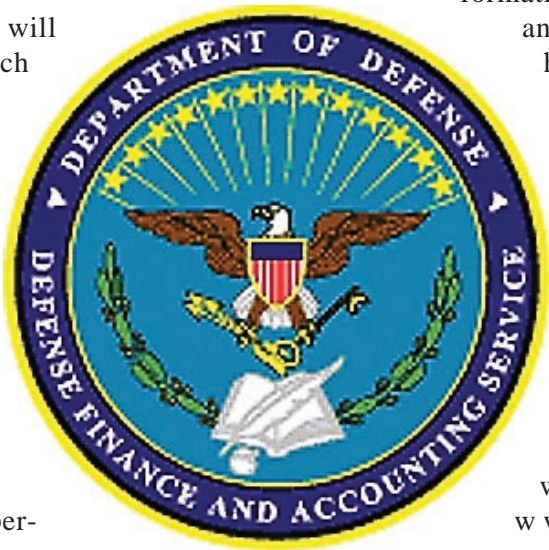
— Increase the speed of the site by more than 12 times.

— Improve search capability to allow DFAS content to be found on any of [dod-dot-mil](http://dod-dot-mil) sites.

— Allow DFAS content to be found at [www.dod.mil/dfas](http://www.dod.mil/dfas), [www.defense.mil/dfas](http://www.defense.mil/dfas), [www.pentagon.gov/dfas](http://www.pentagon.gov/dfas), [www.defense.gov/dfas](http://www.defense.gov/dfas), [www.defenselink.mil/dfas](http://www.defenselink.mil/dfas) or [www.defense.gov/dfas](http://www.defense.gov/dfas).

— Create stronger alignment between DFAS and DOD public Web sites.

— Reduce the burden of public Web traffic to DFAS networks.

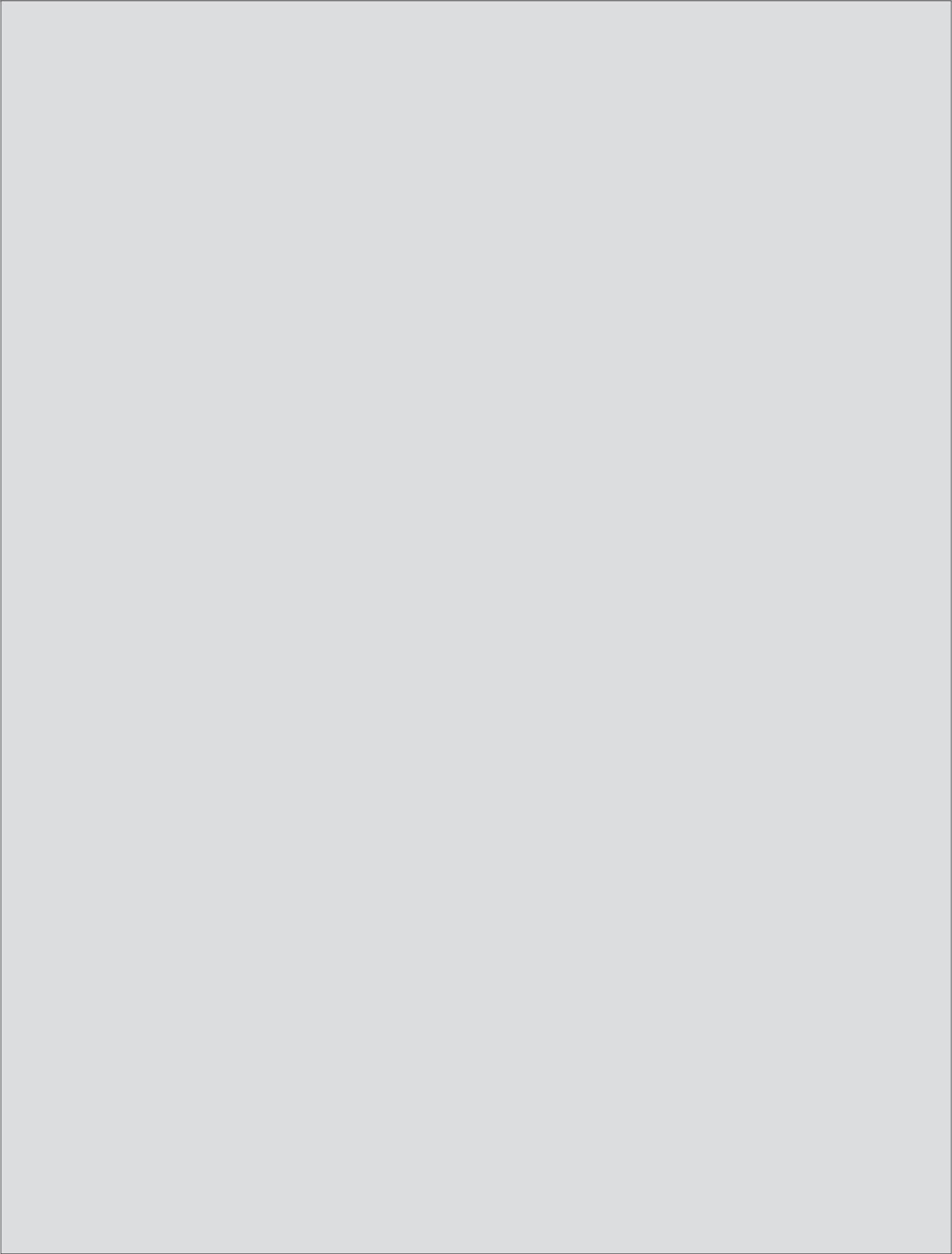
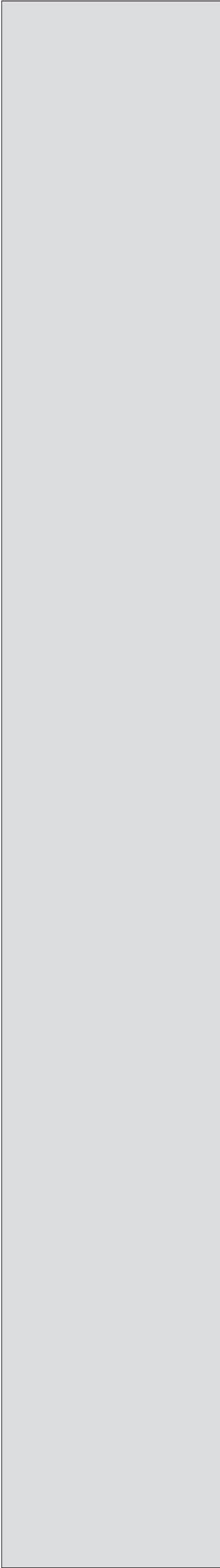


## ORI TIP OF THE WEEK

Week 14:

Ensure your equipment custodian inventories are up to date and all items have been properly documented. Be sure to appoint your government purchase cardholders in writing. Don’t let yourself get caught unprepared.







# FAQs provides clarity on extended deployments

*(Editor's note: The following frequently asked questions pertain to the Air Force's recent move to extend some Air Expeditionary Force deployments to 365 days and only applies to Airmen in grades O-5 and below.)*

## Q – Is this a temporary or permanent change to AEF deployments?

A – Normal AEF deployments will continue to be for 120 days. This is a permanent change for deployment length only for those key and critical positions on Joint Task Force Headquarters staffs. The Air Force will deploy some Airmen for approximately 365 days to these critical positions.

## Q – When will this change take affect?

A – The change from 120-day to 365-day deployments will be phased in. Airmen currently serving 120-day TDYs in HQ JTF staff billets will be replaced by members who will serve one-year tours beginning in April.

## Q – How many people are affected?

A – Currently, approximately 200 key, critical positions in the area of responsibility will be filled with members on extended temporary duty assignments that will last approximately 365 days.

## Q – Will Airmen currently filling

## these positions be forced to remain in place past their original deployment date?

A – Airmen currently in place will be asked if they wish to remain for the duration of the extended TDY. If they do not volunteer, they will be replaced by a volunteer. If there are no volunteers, an Airmen selected as a non-volunteer will replace the member.

## Q – How will non-volunteers be selected?

A – For enlisted members, standard short tour selection criteria will be applied in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2110.

For officers, those who have never served a short tour and those serving on an overseas long tour will be considered. Exemptions include those currently serving a joint tour, those in command positions or slated to serve in a command position, those scheduled to attend intermediate developmental education or senior developmental education in residence, those with an established retirement or separation date, those with less than one year on station and those returning from an AEF deployment less than six months before the date required in-place.

## Q – Can an Airmen decline the tasking?

A – Selected officers who do not have

the active duty service commitment, and enlisted members who do not have the retainability to complete the TDY may decline; however, the declination will result in separation or retirement. Force Shaping rules in effect at the time of declination apply, and Airmen will remain on the deployment list until they establish a date of separation. Airmen must establish a separation date within seven days of notification of extended temporary duty. AFI 36-2110, Paragraph 4.6.5.3 discusses selection for temporary duty. If the member has the active duty service commitment or retainability to complete the temporary duty, they must proceed on the TDY.

## Q – Will the member who is chosen for the 365-day TDY receive short-tour credit?

A – Members who are TDY overseas starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for a minimum of 181 consecutive days in a location designated by the Department of Defense as a hostile fire or imminent danger pay area will receive short-tour credit.

## Q – How much notice will Airmen get before leaving?

A – The goal is for members to have orders about 30 to 45 days before their date required in-place.

## Q – Will I receive a Deployed Let-

## ter of Evaluation (Air Force Form 77) for my 365-day deployment?

A – Since the TDY is more than 179 days, the member's rater and additional rater will change from their home station to the deployed location, and they will receive a performance report. The member's home station senior rater and commander will remain unchanged during the deployment, and they will finalize the member's report.

## Q – Will Airmen receive a mid-tour?

A – Mid-tour policy is owned by U.S. Central Command and Multi-National Force-Iraq staff, therefore, mid-tour entitlement cannot be guaranteed. Mid-tours are typically granted, however, unit manning is a consideration and a mid-tour may not be granted, or if granted, may not occur at the half-way point of the deployment.

## Q – What assignment options will be available for Airmen selected for the one-year deployment?

A – Assignment action officers at Air Force Personnel Center will work with each individual to determine if a follow-on assignment can be arranged prior to deployment. Alternatively, a member may ask for a time-on-station extension. These issues will be handled on a case-by-case basis, as manning levels differ by career field.



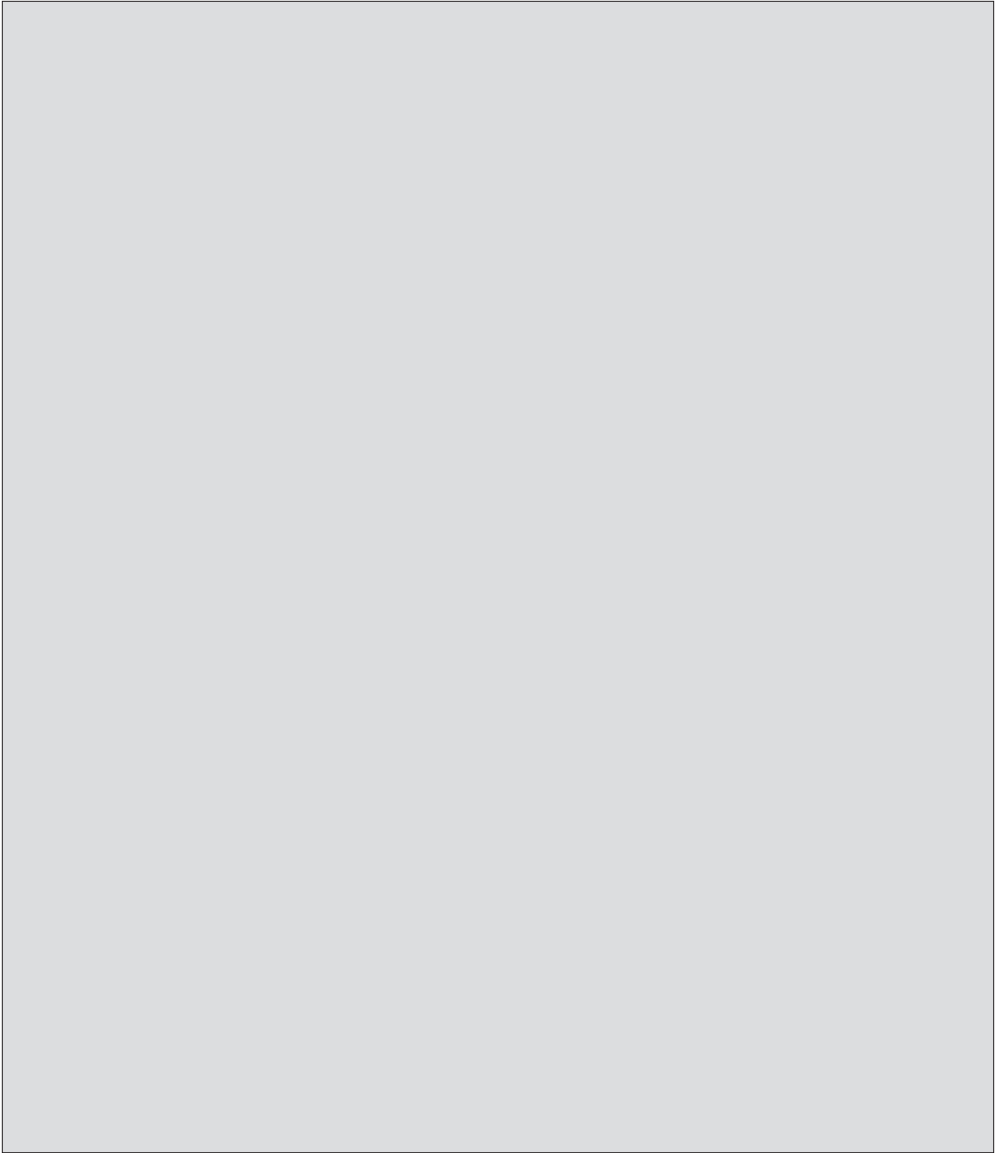
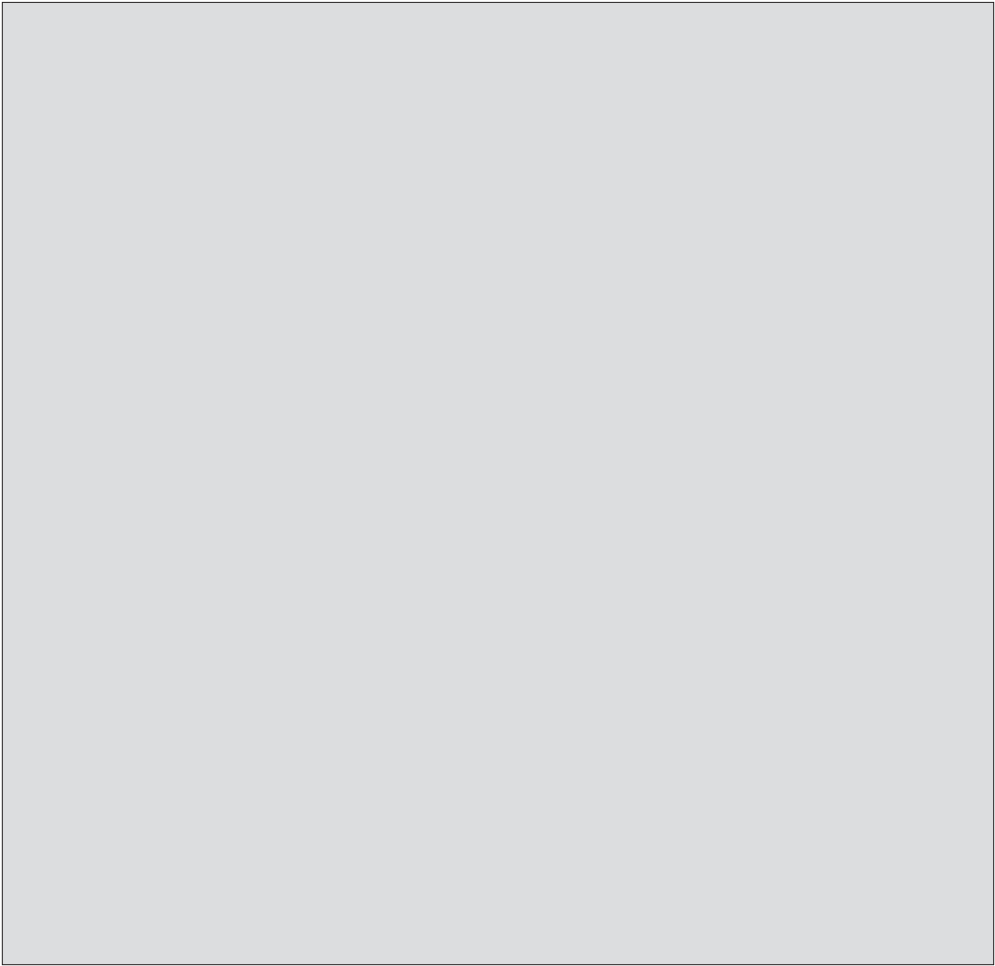
2nd Lt. William Powell

## Access denied

Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, congratulates Airman 1st Class Jose Perez, 325th Security Forces Squadron sentry, for apprehending an individual attempting to gain access to the installation with fake identification during an exercise here Wednesday.







# February reenlistments

- Master Sgt. Donald Birtsch, 325th AMXS
- Staff Sgt. Brandi Breyfogle, 325th MDOS
- Staff Sgt. Edgard Castillo, 823rd RHS
- Staff Sgt. Joseph Culberson, 325th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Peter Darmstedter, 325th AMXS
- Staff Sgt. William Falk, 325th MOS
- Staff Sgt. Nichole Fleming, 325th CONS
- Master Sgt. Roderick Fletcher, 325th CS
- Staff Sgt. Ian Gamroth, 325th MXS
- Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Gray, 83rd FWS
- Tech. Sgt. Craig Grogan, 325th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Anthony Hall, 325th MOS
- Staff Sgt. Brooks Hartley, 16th EWS
- Staff Sgt. Randy Hespen, 325th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Jack Howard, 325th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Randy Johnson, 823rd RHS
- Master Sgt. Julian Kulick, 325th CS
- Staff Sgt. Earl Lancaster, 325th MOS
- Senior Airman David List, 325th AMXS
- Master Sgt. Otis Nattiel, 325th CONS
- Senior Airman Aaron Nichols, 82nd ATRS
- Senior Airman Stacy Pancoast, 43rd FS
- Staff Sgt. Ladylynne Parr, 325th MOS
- Master Sgt. Russel Ratley, Tyndall NCOA
- Master Sgt. Benjamin Rausa, 325th MXS
- Tech. Sgt. James Reagh, 325th MXS
- Senior Airman Travis Richardson, 325th CS
- Senior Airman Lowell Stevens, 325th MXS
- Staff Sgt. William Stover, 325th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Sumrow, 325th AMXS
- Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Ullmann, 325th OG
- Senior Airman Enrique Vazquez, 325th MXS
- Staff Sgt. Reginald Wagle, 325th AMXS
- Staff Sgt. Joseph Williams, 325th SFS





# USAF Honor Guard visit



Air Force Honor Guard recruiting team will visit Tyndall Tuesday. The team will give a presentation and 16-member demonstration at 10 a.m. at Hangar 1. Also, the Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Team, including military training instructors, recruiters and PME instructors, will visit here Thursday. The team will give a presentation in the NCO Academy Auditorium starting at 8:30 a.m. They will be accepting applications at the presentation. Everyone is invited to attend both teams' presentations. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kahapea, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance advisor, at 283-2222.

## ARTICLE 15



The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall Air Force Base in February 2005:

### Articles 15

- An airman first class received a reduction to E-2, suspended forfeitures of \$250 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for twice communicating a threat.
- A senior airman received a reduction to E-3 and suspended forfeitures of \$382 pay for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- A senior airman received a suspended reduction to E-3 and forfeitures of \$100 pay per month for two months for being absent without leave for less than three days and making a false official statement.
- A technical sergeant received a reprimand for simple assault.

### Involuntary discharge

- An airman basic received a general discharge for drug abuse.

(Courtesy of the Base Legal Office)

## Checkertail Salute

Tech. Sgt. Carlos Martinez



Steve Wallace

Sergeant Martinez receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Martinez, who is the community health NCO-in-charge. He directed public health operations for managing the base food safety program, ensuring the safety of a \$25 million food supply at 19 Tyndall food facilities. Sergeant Martinez also conducted syndromic surveillance of diseases and symptoms suggestive of biological or chemical warfare agent use. He monitored reports of 18 syndromes and 76 reportable diseases to identify possible outbreaks.

- Duty title:** Community health NCO-in-charge
- Time on station:** One year, seven months
- Time in service:** Fourteen years, 10 months
- Hometown:** San Leandro, Calif.
- Hobbies:** Soccer, volleyball and cycling
- Goals:** Finish my bachelor's degree in Health Administration
- Favorite movie:** "Braveheart"
- Favorite book:** "1984"
- Favorite thing about Tyndall:** The beaches
- Proudest moment in the military:** Leading a squadron medical element in Operation Enduring Freedom

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Airman 1st Class Stephanie Heinke, Base Legal Office military justice paralegal.







2nd Lt. William Powell

### International welcome

Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, center, 325th Fighter Wing commander, and Lt. Col. Dennis McDevitt, right, 325th Air Control Squadron commander, welcome Moroccan Lt. Col. Mohammed Wahbi during an air battle manager social at the Officers' Club here Wednesday. Colonel Wahbi and three other officers from Egypt, Thailand and Jordan began the squadron's International Air Weapons Controller Course March 2.

### Training Spotlight

How will the skills learned at the NCO Academy enable you to become a more effective leader?

“As I apply my communication and public speaking skills, I will be better able to tear down the barriers between management and junior Airmen.”

TECH. SGT. JAMESHA JONES  
NCO Academy student

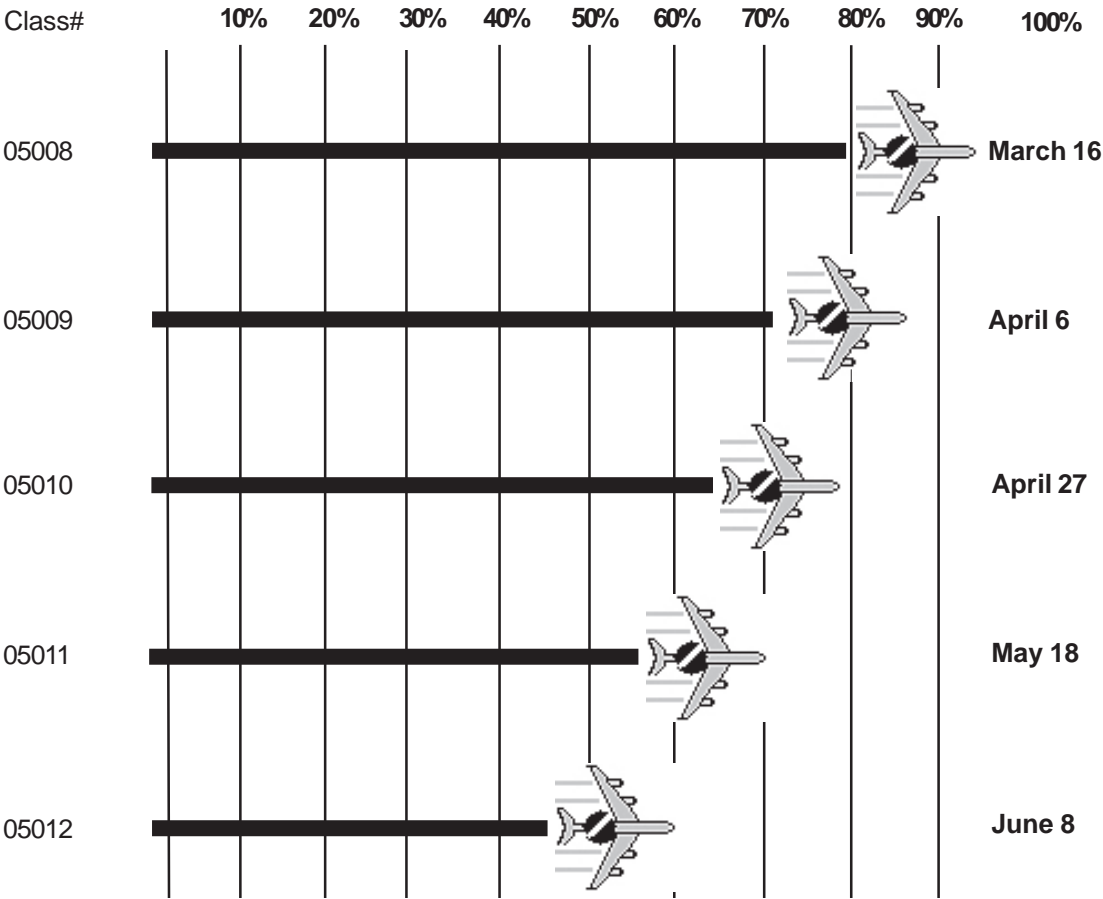


2nd Lt. William Powell

### Welcome to Tyndall!

Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, jokes with 2nd Lt. David Welsh, 325th Air Control Squadron air battle manager student, during the ABM welcome here Wednesday. Class 06003 began training Wednesday and will train for 160 days before graduating Nov. 30.

### Air Battle Manager student progress chart





# FCC fun for kids, relief for pa

**MASTER SGT. MARY McHALE**

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For parents at Tyndall seeking child care options, a great place to start is the Family Child Care program, part of an Air Force-wide program that provides child care in a private home environment.

Ina Crawford, FCC coordinator, said persons who apply to the program are carefully screened and trained prior to licensing. Screening includes background checks, pre- and post-licensing inspections and home visits by fire department officials and the military public health office. Additionally, Ms. Crawford does periodic visits and inspections throughout the tenure of a provider, and caregivers receive periodic refresher training and evaluations.

Ms. Crawford said items inspectors evaluate include physical arrangement of the home, safety and health issues, and personal interaction between the children and the caregiver. She said a single home can have a maximum of six children including those of the caregivers and ages can range from two weeks up to 12 years.

"The providers are free to set up their own programs within our established guidelines and checklists," said Ms. Crawford. "They set their own hours; most are open 12-plus hours daily. Hours and pay are decided between the caregiver and parents."

She also explained there are four licensing levels. The first is provisional, a license that lasts for three months. Next is the standard license which the caregiver can hold up to two years before they must progress to the developmental license. Those with a developmental license are defined as "consistently in compliance with at least 75 percent of the higher accredited home standards."

The last, an accredited license, is the highest level and requires accreditation by an external agency such as the National Association for Child Care. Caregivers who want to become accredited enter a year-long self study program after which they are observed by a representative from the association. There are costs involved to receive accreditation, but the Air Force will fund a portion as it encourages this step, according to Ms. Crawford. Once accredited, the certification lasts for three years upon which there is a renewal process.

Ms. Crawford said while the Air Force goal is to have at least one accredited caregiver per base, she wants to have more. Currently, there are three accredited and two who are enrolled in the self-study program.

Being a caregiver provides benefits to both parents needing child care and the caregiver.

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Steve Wallace

**Above: Jade Jackson, daughter of Airman 1st Class Jessica Jackson, 81st Range Control Squadron, enjoys some play time putting together a chain of plastic toys at the home of Mrs. Norris. Child care providers can watch children as young as two weeks in age.**

**Below: (From left) Jaylen Mills, son of Staff Sgt. Tamika Mills, 2nd Fighter Squadron, and Benjamin Porter, son of Maj. Brian Porter, 95th Fighter Squadron, "prepare for take-off" on a flightline playmat at the home of Ms. Beard. Providers set up their own programs using guidelines and checklists provided by the FCC.**



Steve Wallace





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Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell



Steve Wallace

**Left: (From left) Ina Crawford, Family Child Care coordinator, Jennifer Norris, an accredited child care provider, and Amy Bradley, a prospective child care provider, go through some toys offered by the FCC lending program. The lending program allows providers to sign out toys for children to use at their homes. Ms. Bradley was attending an orientation for prospective providers. The training class for providers lasts five days.**

**Above: Cole Tabor, son of Capt. Shawn Tabor, Base Legal Office, and Melissa Beard, an FCC child care provider, read a children’s book together at Ms. Beard’s home. Ms. Beard recently became an accredited child care provider.**

**Right: Megan Beard, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Shawn Beard, 43rd Fighter Squadron, and Cole Tabor are taught about shapes by Ms. Beard at her home. According to an FCC pamphlet, some of the benefits of becoming a provider are “smiles, hugs and the contentment of knowing you made a difference in the life of a child.”**



Steve Wallace



## Briefs

**RAO volunteers**

The Retiree Activities Office is seeking volunteers to assist with the various tasks associated with running the office. The RAO is an all-volunteer organization that provides assistance and information to Tyndall's retiree community on retiree-related issues. Those interested in volunteering should contact the office at 283-2737 or by e-mail at tyndall.RAO@tyndall.af.mil.

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

ERAU Spring B 2005 Term Registration will be Monday through March 18. Class dates are March 21–May 21. Register for ERAU distance learning undergraduate courses through March 31 for term dates April 15–July 7. To register for all classes, come to Bldg. 1230, Room 49 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call 283-4557.

**Special Olympics volunteers needed**

Volunteers are needed to help out with this year's Area II Special Olympics, being held March 19 at Tommy Oliver Stadium near Bay High School in Panama City. Approximately 150–200 volunteers are needed to serve on the following committees: sports, food, publicity, volunteer organization, awards, and equipment. Volunteers who may not have the time to allocate to a committee but would love to help in some way with the actual games are also needed. Volunteers can also escort the athletes, present awards, help feed the athletes, set-up and tear-down any equipment and other various jobs. People who have a special talent or hobby that children would enjoy are also needed and entertainers for the Olympic Village. Spouses and civic organizations are also welcome to volunteer. For more information, e-mail 2nd Lt. Maralyn Roedder at maralyn.roedder@tyndall.af.mil.

**Scholarship and camp opportunities**

The Society of American Military Engineers has scholarship and summer camp applications and information are available at the SAME Panama City Post Web site: posts.same.org/panamacity/Programs\_05.htm. Engineering and Construction Summer Camp applications for high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are due by Tuesday. High school seniors must submit scholarship applications by March 31.

**Massage therapist wanted**

The Health and Wellness Center is seeking a massage therapist concessionaire to perform massage therapy at the Wellness Clinic, Bldg. 1307. This is a non-appropriated funds position. For additional information, contact Master Sgt. Otis Nattiel at 283-0137.

**Moms, Pops and Tots**

The Tyndall Community Center is offering Powerful Parenting for Moms and Pops of Tots each Wednesday from 9–10:30 a.m. Bring your

**Oh, I wish ...**

**Danika Plotkin, a Tyndall Elementary School student, gazes out the large window of the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. The mobile hot dog was displayed in front of the Commissary here Monday. According to information provided by the hot dog company, the vehicle is 24 hot dogs high, 60 hot dogs long and 140,500 hot dogs in weight (11 feet high, 27 feet long and 14,050 pounds).**



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

ideas on how we can make this a fun, exciting and educational experience for all. For more information, contact Laurie Campbell at 286-6501 or e-mail znory7@yahoo.com.

**Air National Guard opportunities**

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has Traditional Guard vacancies available. For more information, contact Master Sgt. James Reeves, at DSN 344-2457 or 1-800-524-5070, or by e-mail at James.Reeves@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

**Parent Advisory Board**

The next meeting for the Parent Advisory Board will be May 18 in the Community Activity Center. Parents who have children in the Family Child Care program, the Child Development Center and/or the Youth Center are encouraged to attend. If parents cannot attend, feedback sheets are available for comments/concerns. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Iris Hague at 283-4589.

**Stray pets**

Call 283-4949 to report stray animals in base housing. If your pet is missing call 283-4949 to determine if your pet was picked up as a stray. To retrieve your pets call the Parkway Animal Hospital and Pet Hotel, at 763-8387, within five days. You are required to show proof of vaccination and registration before your pet will be released to you.

**Commissary news**

The Tide Sports Exhibit will be at the Commissary 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Commissary will also be open Easter, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Finance Office hours**

The Finance Office will close for an official

function at noon March 18. In case of an emergency, please call the financial service officer at 624-1301 or the first sergeant at 624-9466.

**Burger King closure**

Burger King will be closed Sunday for repairs.

**Volunteers needed**

The Tyndall Volunteer Resource Program serves as the central base resource for volunteer recruitment, placement and recognition. The program assists individuals seeking volunteer opportunities to meet their volunteer goals and authorized organizations and agencies to recruit qualified volunteers. Volunteers are currently needed at Family Services/Airman's Attic, the Red Cross, Retiree Activities Office, 325th Services Squadron and other locations at Tyndall. Call the Family Support Center at 283-4204/4205 for more information.

**Tyndall OSC event**

The Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club will meet at the Officers' Club 10:30 a.m. March 22, where the 325th Medical Group will be sponsoring "The Price Is Right." Child care will be available on site. You must RSVP to attend and to use the on-site child care. RSVP to 215-6820, no later than noon March 18.

**Garage Sales**

3402B Smith St.

3412 Smith St.

Garage sales are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

**Chapel Schedule****Weekly Bible Study**

The Bible study "Life Without Strife" meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday night at the Spiritual

Fitness building by Chapel Two, in Room 108.

**Catholic services**

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday–Friday, Chapel Two

Reconciliation - before Saturday Mass or by appointment

Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two

Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

**Protestant Sunday services**

Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One

Religious education classes, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Bldg. 1476

General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two

Sunday Night Live Service, 6 p.m., Chapel One

**Tyndall Chapel Lenten/Easter Schedule:****Ecumenical:**

Lenten Devotions/Mass, 11:30 a.m., Chapel Two

Lenten Soup Luncheons will be at noon on Tuesdays through March 15 in Chapel Two

**Catholic, in Chapel Two:**

Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6 p.m., through March 18

Palm Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m. March 20

Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m. March 24

Good Friday Service, 3 p.m. March 25

Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. March 26

Easter Mass, 9:30 a.m. March 27

**Protestant:**

Palm Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m. March 20, Chapel One

Palm Sunday Service, 11 a.m. March 20, Chapel Two

Maundy Thursday, 5 p.m. March 24, Chapel One

Good Friday, 5 p.m. March 25, Chapel One

Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. March 26, Shoal Point



## Queen pin

Rachel Petri-Rose goes for a strike at Raptor Lanes Bowling Center Wednesday. She captained the Tyndall base women's bowling team that won the Panama City Women's Bowling Association tournament Saturday and Sunday. Also on the team were Wendy Aldridge, Jennifer Clark, Michelle Clements, and Susan Taylor.

After winning the tournament and collecting the prize money, the team donated \$75, the tournament's entry fee, to the bowling center's youth bowling program, the Young American Bowling Alliance. Raptor Lanes Bowling Center holds a "No-Tap" tournament every Saturday night that is open to all Tyndall personnel. Sign up is at 6 p.m. and bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Raptor Lanes Bowling Center at 283-2380.



Steve Riddle

# Berg-Liles to serve up appreciation

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

The Berg-Liles Dining Facility will show how outstanding Tyndall's Airmen are, both Irish and non-Irish alike, when they hold their St. Patrick's Day Airman Appreciation Barbecue next week.

The event begins is from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Facility staff are moving their operation outdoors for the lunch-time meal, weather permitting, and plan to serve everyone in the grass lot behind the dining hall.

"We're going to be cooking up barbecue chicken, barbecue ribs, burgers and hot dogs, collard greens, corn on the cob, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw – we're making a great barbecue lunch for the troops," said Staff Sgt. Scott Linza, Berg-Liles Dining Facility assistant manager.

There will be a disc jockey providing music and taking requests during the event, and a drawing will be held for two pairs of movie tickets.

According to Sergeant Linza, a lot of behind-the-scenes coordination has to take place for the event. Along with a large grill and a generator, much of the normal kitchen serving operations will be relocated outside. Tents will be set up, tables and chairs placed in rows, and the cashiers will also be working outside. But the Berg-Liles workers are happy to do it all.

"It's our way of showing the Airmen that we appreciate



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Brian Denny, Berg-Liles Dining Facility assistant manager, spreads the barbecue sauce on thick as he cooks chicken and ribs at the last Airman Appreciation Barbecue in October 2004. Approximately 170 people showed up for that meal, and the dining hall staff hopes to top the 200 mark at Thursday's event.

them," Sergeant Linza explained. "If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have a mission to accomplish. They are the reason we have jobs."

The cost is free for meal card holders and \$5.30 for all others. For more information, contact the Berg-Liles Dining Facility at 283-2239.



## Free Movie at the Tyndall E'Club

**The Life Aquatic  
6 p.m. Thursday**

Internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou and his crew—Team Zissou—set sail on an expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive, possibly non-existent Jaguar Shark that killed Zissou's partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure. They are joined on their voyage by a young airline co-pilot who may or may not be Zissou's son, a beautiful journalist assigned to write a profile of Zissou, and Zissou's estranged wife and co-producer, Eleanor. They face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnapping and bankruptcy. (Courtesy of [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com))

**Ocean's 12  
6 p.m. March 24**

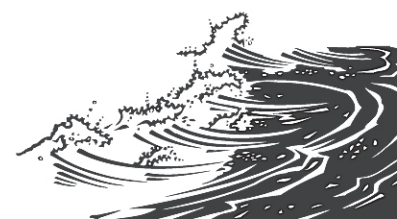
Set three years after "Ocean's 11," this sequel shows Danny Ocean gathering up his complete gang of con artists and thieves from the first film in New York City before they all jet off to Amsterdam, Rome, and Paris to pull off three separate heists. All the while, the boys must deal with increasing pressure from a very mad Terry Benedict, a dedicated Europol agent with a link to Rusty's past, and a mysterious French rival known as the "Night Fox." Will Ocean's crew reach their full potential and become the greatest thieves the world has ever known, or will they fall victim to Benedict's revenge? All bets are off. (Courtesy of [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com))

*(Editor's note: All movies are subject to change)*





# Funshine NEWS



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All Ranks at the O' Club

## Easter Sunday Brunch

March 27

Adults \$16.95  
Children 5-11 \$8.50  
Children 4 & under free



### - Menu -

Carving station with  
Steamship round,  
Baked turkey and ham  
Seasonal vegetables  
Belgian Waffles  
Omelets (made to order)  
Cream beef & biscuits  
Home fries  
Bacon  
Assorted fruit and juices  
Dessert station

Two seatings: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 12:45 p.m.

Reservations strongly recommended

283-4357



All ranks at the Enlisted Club

## Free Movie Night

Thursday

## The Life Aquatic

Rated R

Movie 6 p.m.

With a plan to exact revenge on a mythical shark that killed his partner, oceanographer Steve Zissou rallies a crew that includes his estranged wife, a journalist and a man who may or may not be his son.

### Snack Bar items include:

Pizza, hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy, & soda.

Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Movies subject to availability.

283-4357

## Community Center

☎ 283-2495

### Blarney Stone contest

Guess the weight of the Blarney Stone and you could win a pizza buffet for two and two tickets to Carmike Cinemas Theater. One entry per person, winner will be announced March 17 at 3 p.m.

### Leisure Travel Office

Located at the Community Center, will be closed from March 28th until April 1st. The office will reopen on April 4th

Pizza Pub in the CAC

## NASCAR race Sunday

### UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400

Pizza Pub opens at 12:30 p.m. race begins at 1 p.m.

Races shown at the Pizza Pub

Prizes for participation will be given at each event. Must be a current club member to win.

283-3222 for details

Community Center

## Base level billiards tournament

Saturday at 11 a.m.

This event is open to:

Active duty AF members  
DoD civilians, contractors, family members & retirees.  
All participants must be 18 yrs old.  
Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

## Youth Center

☎ 283-436

## Congratulations 325th Services Squadron

for being selected to compete for the  
AF Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank  
Services Award nomination

## Get ready to... Skate Like a Pro

Sign up for Freestyle/Flatland Skateboarding. Learn basic to advanced tricks taught by former World Freestyle Amateur Champion and current touring professional John Leathers. Classes are open to ages seven and up and the cost is \$20 per session or four sessions for \$75.

Classes are held at the Youth Center gym and will include special skate trips with Team "TNT" and special guest skaters.

Program dates and times are as follows:

Saturday: 10-12 p.m.

March 26: 10-12 p.m.

Call 283-4366  
for more information.



FREESTYLE

Skills Development Center

## Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

Saturday or March 19th  
by appointment  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
\$6 per picture



For  
details  
283-4511



Play Texas

## Hold 'Em !

All ranks at the Enlisted Club

Sign ups start at 6 p.m. - Play starts at 7 p.m.

Play every Saturday for seven weeks.

Grand championship April 16

\$15 per player per week includes food and 5,000 in chips

Top three nightly winners awarded prizes.

Nightly winner has chance to draw a "Royal Flush" and win a new car.

Three vehicles to choose from:

Nissan 2005 Altima - 2005 Frontier - 2004 Xterra

Sign up at the door.

Call 283-4357

Must be active USAF Club member.

Sponsored in part by  
Lloyd

No federal endorsement of sponsor intended

Sports Page Pizza Pub at the CAC

## Open Mic Night

Are you a singer,  
musician,  
comedian or poet?

Come out and join us!

Wednesday  
5 - 9 p.m.

1/2 off all appetizers

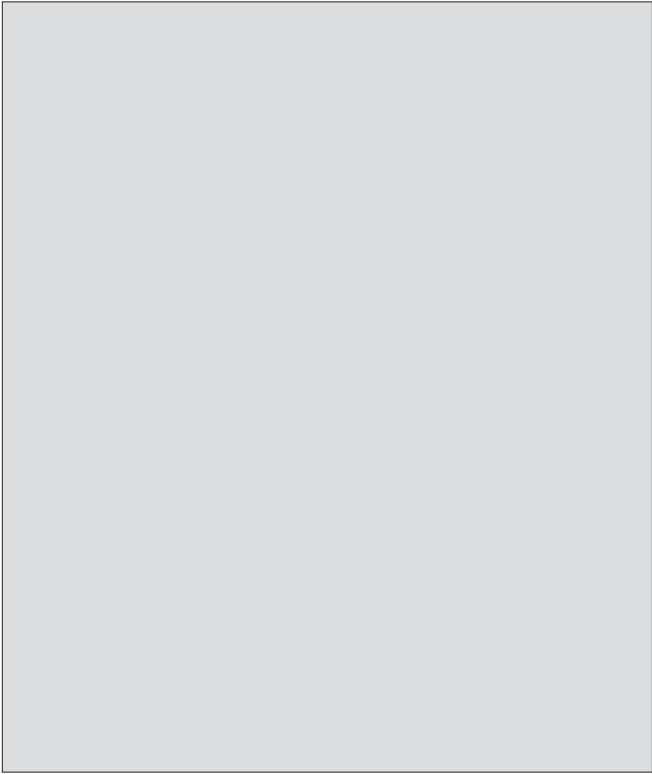
\$1 beverage specials

Call 283-3222

or 283-2495

for more information.



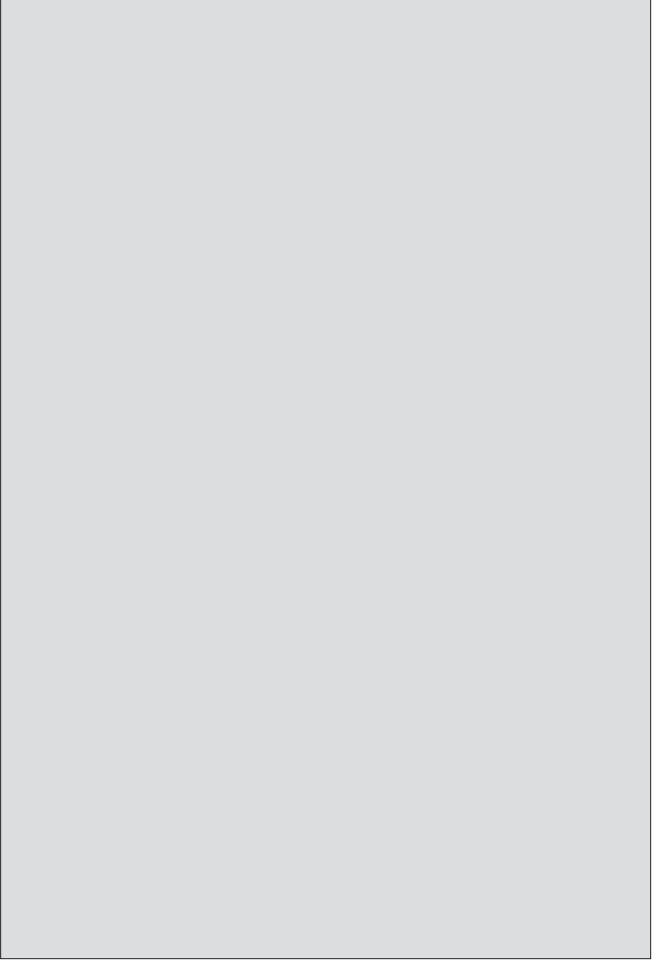
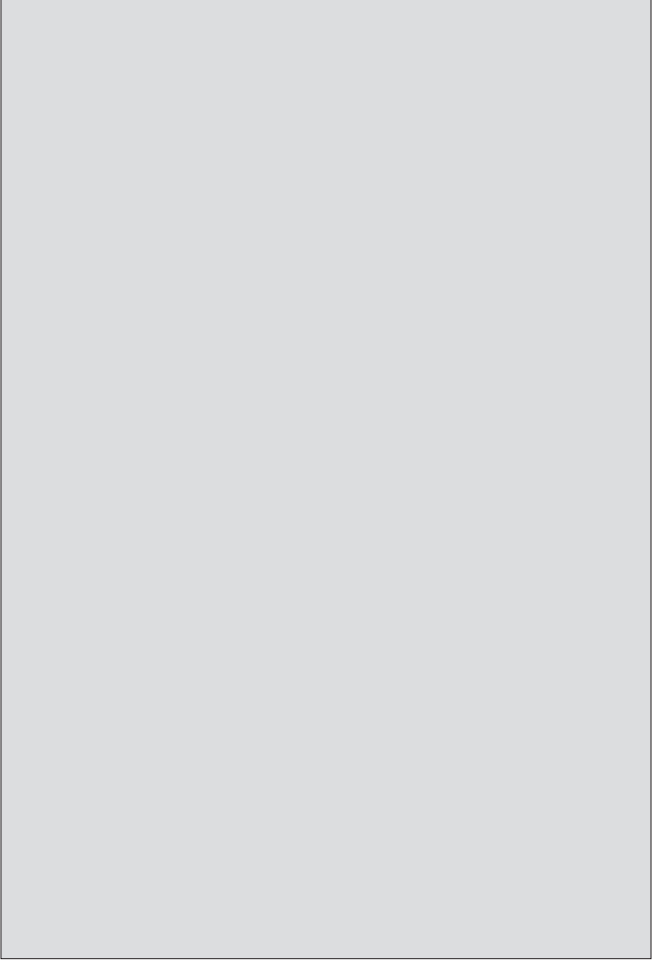
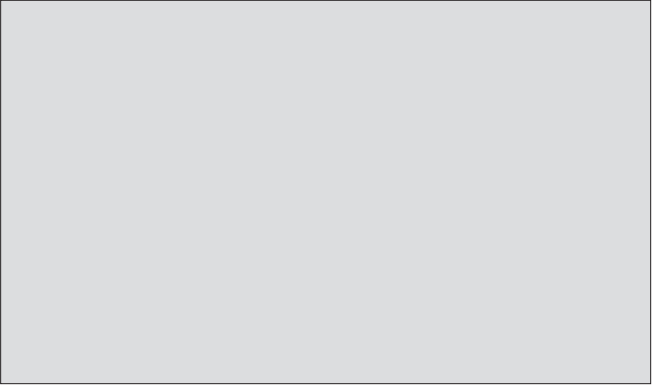
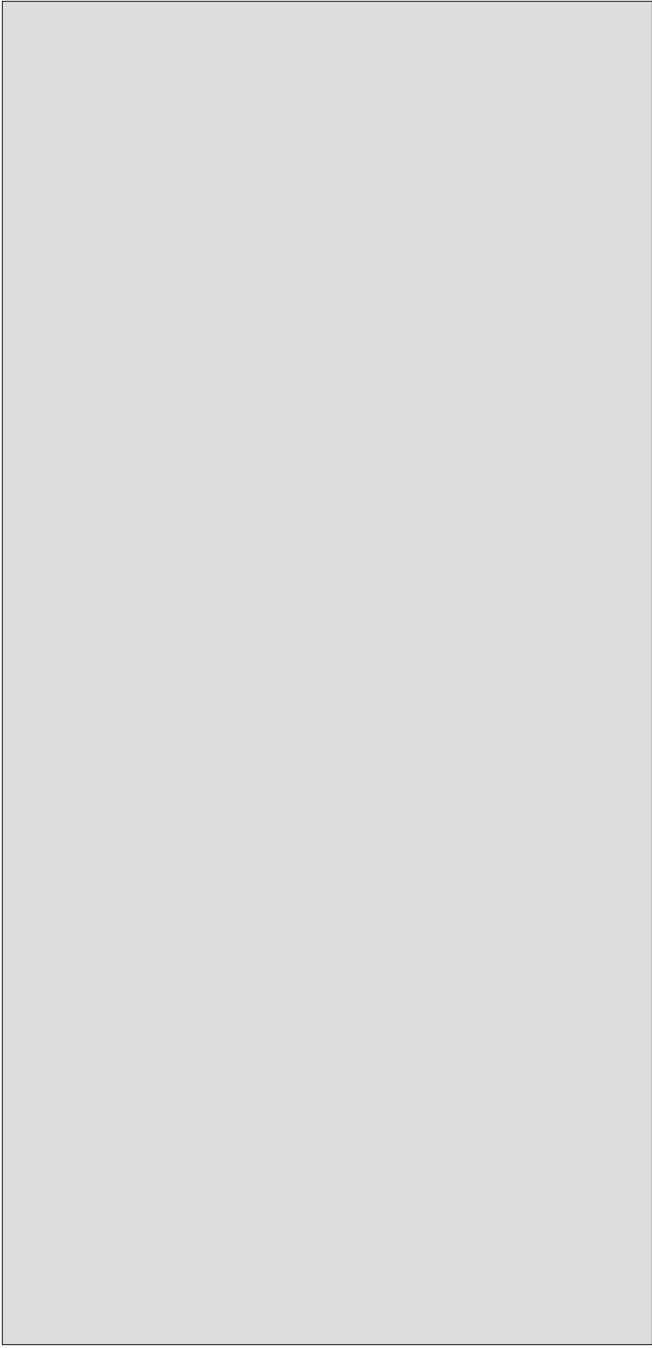


A chiefly visit

Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam Parish speaks to members of the 325th Maintenance Squadron during a visit to Tyndall. The chief was the guest speaker for the 325th Maintenance Group’s annual awards banquet held March 4. He was the eighth chief master sergeant appointed to this ultimate noncommissioned officer position, advising Air Force leaders on matters concerning welfare, effective utilization and progress of the enlisted members of the Air Force.



Lisa Norman





# Tyndall Airmen volunteer time, energy for special cause

**2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall volunteers are amassing in number to assist in this year's Area II Special Olympics being held at Tommy Oliver Stadium in Panama City March 19.

The event brings disabled and challenged children and adults from six counties to compete in activities ranging from track and field to gymnastics.

According to 2nd Lt. Maralyn Roedder, 325th Air Control Squadron student and Area II co-director, the response from Tyndall Airmen eager to help has been overwhelming.

"I've heard from more than one person that this is the largest number of volunteers they've ever seen for the games," she said. "The volunteers include the current NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School classes, nearby members of the Navy and spouses and children. The Officers' Spouses' Club is also providing homemade cookies for athletes and volunteers."

People are still needed to help entertain the participants when they are not competing, continued Lieutenant Roedder.

"People with special talents like singing, dancing or magic are needed," she said. "So far we have crafts, games and a disc jockey, but we would love to have more participants."

Lieutenant Roedder said the reason she and many other people volunteer for the Special Olympics is to see the joy in the competitors' faces after the competition.

Timothy Russell and Byron Smith, students from Margaret K. Lewis School, are just two of many Special Olympians who are currently training hard in eager anticipation of the games.

Mr. Russell practices three days a week for the 100 meter dash and the running long jump, both of which he previously took first place in at the county level, he said.

"I just love to run," he said as he warmed up. "And it feels good to win."

He plans to beat his personal best time of 14.33 seconds in the 100 meter dash and 2.9 meters in the running long jump.

Mr. Smith prefers bocce ball, where he rolls a soft-ball-sized ball towards a smaller ball, called a pallina.



2nd Lt. William Powell

**Byron Smith, a Special Olympian for more than eight years, practices bocce ball Tuesday for the Special Olympics being held March 19. He is the previous gold medal winner in both bocce ball and bowling.**

The closest person to the pallina wins.

This is Bay County's second year including bocce ball in the games, and Mr. Smith returns as the gold medal winner and reigning champ from last year.

He has been a Special Olympian since age eight, and has also won gold medals in bowling, said Mr. Smith.

"I love bowling, and bocce ball is a lot of fun, too," he said.

The students will compete along with many other Special Olympians at Tommy Oliver Stadium behind Bay High School from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 19.

For more information, or to volunteer, e-mail Lieutenant Roedder at [maralyn.roedder@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:maralyn.roedder@tyndall.af.mil).



Courtesy photo

Ready to launch

Cadets from the Tyndall Panama Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol prepare to launch home-made rockets at the Callaway Ball Fields Feb. 26. The cadets spent three weeks learning about the history, science and operation of rockets. Each cadet then constructed and flight tested three rockets each.

Congratulations to Tyndall’s newest senior master sergeants!

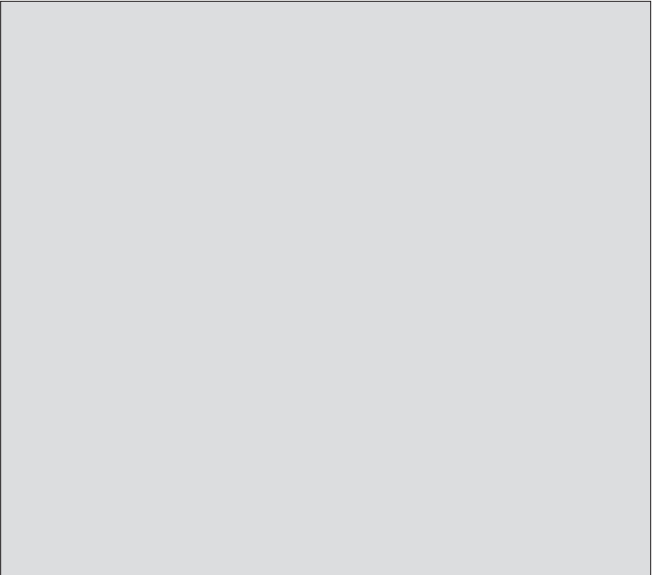
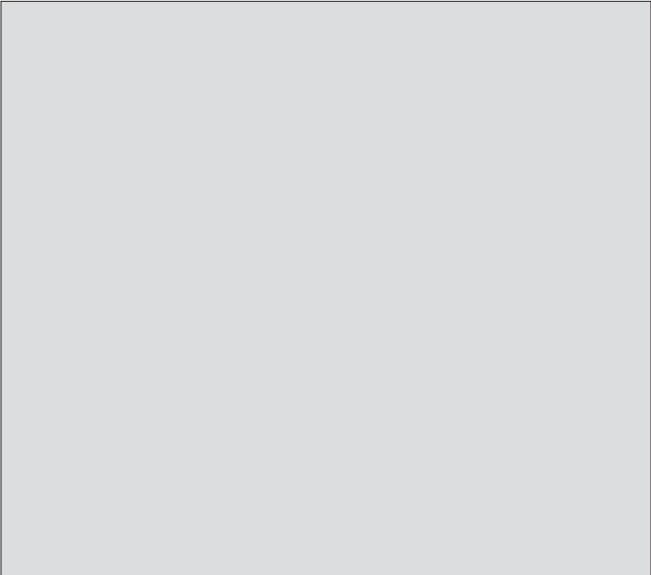
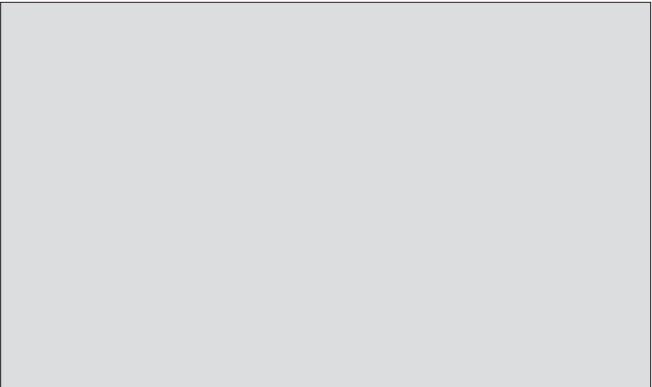
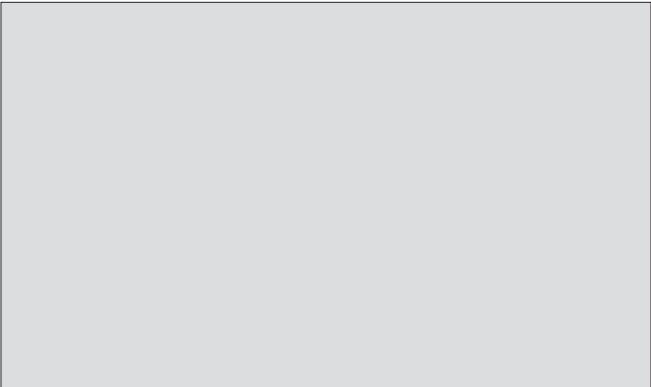
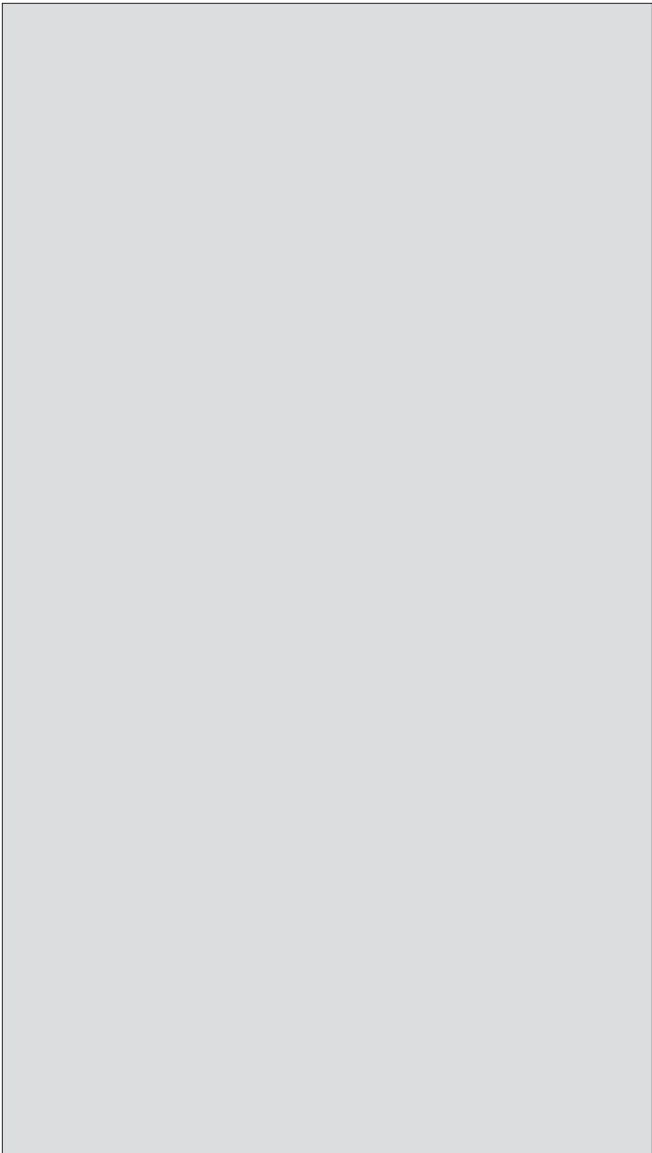


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- Michael Stephens, 325th AMXS
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- William Canfield, 325th MXS
- William Nooney, 325th MXS
- Sandra Haines, 325th CS
- Albert Lewis, Jr., 325th MSS
- Troy Gilliard, 325th SFS
- Wilson Edgell, 53rd WEG
- Michael Martin, 53rd WEG
- David Lapp, 83rd FWS
- Dennis Cook, AFCESA
- Robert Hague, AFCESA
- Donald Howell, AFCESA
- Craig Mason, AFCESA

- Scottie Spradlin, AFCESA
- Sharon Herron
- Det. 1, 325th FW
- Derrick Jones
- Det. 1, 325th FW
- Kevin Roberts
- Det. 1, 325th FW



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# New POV rates

The privately owned vehicle for official travel mileage reimbursement rate increased effective Feb. 4 for travelers. The new POV mileage reimbursement rates are:

Automobiles	
Old Rate	New Rate
\$0.375/mile	\$0.405/mile

Airplanes	
Old Rate	New Rate
\$0.955/mile	\$1.07/mile

Motorcycles	
Old Rate	New Rate
\$0.285/mile	\$0.305/mile

Please contact Finance customer support at 283-4201 with any questions.

## Bird bath

Jim Klopmeier, a DS2 employee, scrubs down an F/A-22 Raptor at the wash rack on the flightline here Tuesday. The jets get washed every 30 days. Out of the four to five jets that get washed daily, one is usually a Raptor. The wash takes anywhere from one to two hours, depending on what kind of action the jet has seen.



Lisa Norman

